

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eugene Rzucidlo on April 24 and 25, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims,

**Claim 1,** *Line 1, "bolt or" has been deleted, and "," has been changed to - -in the form of a bolt element,- -;*  
*Line 3, "in its" has been changed to - -formed as a thread around the- -.*

**Claim 3,** *Lines 9-10, "the thread (14) formed at the shaft part (16) of the bolt element" has been changed to - -a thread (14) formed at the end of the shaft portion (16) opposite the head portion of the bolt element- -;*

**Claim 39,** *Line 1, - -in the form of a bolt element- - has been inserted after "element";*  
*Line 4, - -formed as a thread around the shank portion- - has been inserted after "groove".*

**Claim 41,** *Line 6, "as defined in claim 39" has been deleted.*

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jermie E. Cozart whose telephone number is 571-272-4528. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.
3. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on 571-272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
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